

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 11, 13, 16, 18 and 20 as follows. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) A network terminal apparatus comprising:
management means for managing settings information for each of a plurality of functions, wherein the settings information indicates an identifier of each function and one or a plurality of peripheral devices for implementing each function;

search means for acquiring information concerning each of various peripheral devices connected to a network, based on the settings information managed by said management means;

icon display means for displaying icons each corresponding to each function managed by said management means; and

settings information display means for displaying at least a part of the current settings information determined by the information acquired by said search means in regard to a function corresponding to an icon selected by a user from among the icons displayed by said icon display means, in proximity of the selected icon.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

~~search means for acquiring information concerning each of various peripheral devices connected to a network; and~~

device icon display means for displaying at least one icon corresponding to each of the various peripheral devices, based on the information acquired by said search means.

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4. (Previously Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said settings information display means displays at least information relating to the type of peripheral device or a network name of the peripheral device as the settings information.

5. (Previously Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising designating means for allowing the user to designate, in order to select, a desired icon from among the icons displayed by said icon display means;

wherein, when a desired icon is designated for a predetermined period of time by said designating means, said settings information display means displays, in proximity of the desired icon, tool-tips for displaying settings information in regard to the function corresponding to the desired icon.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of presenting a display on a network terminal apparatus, the method comprising:

a management step of managing settings information for each of a plurality of functions, wherein the settings information indicates an identifier of each function and one or a plurality of peripheral devices for implementing each function;

a search step of acquiring information concerning each of various peripheral devices connected to a network, based on the settings information managed at said management step;

an icon display step of displaying icons each corresponding to each function managed at said management step; and

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a settings information display step of displaying at least a part of current settings information determined by the information acquired at said search step in regard to a function corresponding to an icon selected by a user from among the icons displayed at said icon display step, in proximity of the selected icon.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, further comprising:

~~a search step of acquiring information concerning each of various peripheral devices connected to a network; and~~

a device icon display step of displaying at least one icon corresponding to each of the various peripheral devices, based on the information acquired at said search step.

9. (Previously Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein said settings information display step displays at least information relating to the type of peripheral device or a network name of the peripheral device as the settings information.

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10. (Previously Amended) The method according to claim 6, further comprising a designating step of allowing the user to designate, in order to select, a desired function from among the icons displayed at said icon display step;

wherein, when a desired icon is designated for a predetermined period of time at said designating step, said settings information display step displays, in proximity of the desired icon, tool-tips for displaying settings information in regard to the function corresponding to the desired icon.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing program codes of a method of presenting a display on a network terminal apparatus, said storage medium comprising the codes of:

a management step of managing settings information for each of a plurality of functions, wherein the settings information indicates an identifier of each function and one or a plurality of peripheral devices for implementing each function;

a search step of acquiring information concerning each of various peripheral devices connected to a network, based on the settings information managed at said management step;

an icon display step of displaying icons each corresponding to each function managed at said management step; and

a settings information display step of displaying at least a part of current settings information determined by the information acquired at said search step in regard to a function corresponding to an icon selected by a user from among the icons displayed at said icon display step, in proximity of the selected icon.

13. (Currently Amended) The storage medium according to claim 11,
further comprising the codes of:

~~a search step of acquiring information concerning each of various peripheral
devices connected to a network; and~~

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a device icon display step of displaying at least one icon corresponding to
each of the various peripheral devices, based on the information acquired at said search
step.

14. (Previously Amended) The storage medium according to claim 11,
wherein the code of said settings information display step displays at least information
relating to the type of peripheral device or a network name of the peripheral device as the
settings information.

15. (Previously Amended) The storage medium according to claim 11,
further comprising code of a designating step of allowing the user to designate, in order to
select, a desired icon from among the icons displayed at said icon display step;

wherein, when a desired icon is designated for a predetermined period of
time by the code of said designating step, the code of said settings information display step
displays, in proximity of the desired icon, tool-tips for displaying settings information in
regard to the function corresponding to the desired icon.

16. (Currently Amended) A network terminal apparatus comprising:

management means for managing settings information for each of a plurality of functions, wherein the settings information indicates an identifier of each function and one or a plurality of peripheral devices for implementing each function;

search means for acquiring information concerning each of various peripheral devices connected to a network, based on the settings information managed by said management means;

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icon display means for displaying icons each corresponding to each function managed by said management means;

designating means for allowing a user to designate, in order to select, a desired icon from among the icons displayed by said icon display means; and

settings information display means for, when an icon is designated for a predetermined period of time, displaying at least a part of current settings information determined by the information acquired by said search means in regard to a function corresponding to the designated icon.

17. (Currently Amended) The network terminal apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the designating means that designates the icon is a cursor and the at least a part of the current settings information is displayed by said settings information display means when the cursor is placed on the designated icon for the predetermined period of time.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of presenting a display on a network terminal apparatus, the method comprising:

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a management step of managing settings information for each of a plurality of functions, wherein the settings information indicates an identifier of each function and one or a plurality of peripheral devices for implementing each function;

a search step of acquiring information concerning each of various peripheral devices connected to a network, based on the settings information managed at said management step;

an icon display step of displaying icons each corresponding to each function managed by said management step;

a designating step of allowing a user to designate, in order to select, a desired icon from among the icons displayed at said icon display step; and

a settings information display step of, when an icon is designated for a predetermined period of time, displaying at least a part of current settings information determined by the information acquired at said search step in regard to a function corresponding to the designated icon.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein the icon is designated by a cursor at said designating step and the at least a part of the current settings information is displayed at said settings information display step when the cursor is placed on the designated icon for the predetermined period of time.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing program codes of a method of presenting a display on a network terminal apparatus, said storage medium comprising the codes of:

a management step of managing settings information for each of a plurality of functions, wherein the settings information indicates an identifier of each function and one or a plurality of peripheral devices for implementing each function;

a search step of acquiring information concerning each of various peripheral devices connected to a network, based on the settings information managed at said management step;

an icon display step of displaying icons each corresponding to each function managed by said management step;

a designating step of allowing a user to designate, in order to select, a desired icon from among the icons displayed at said icon display step; and

a settings information display step of, when an icon is designated for a predetermined period of time, displaying at least a part of current settings information determined by the information acquired at said search step in regard to a function corresponding to the designated icon.

21. (Currently Amended) The storage medium according to claim 20, wherein the icon is designated by a cursor at said designating step and the at least a part of the current settings information is displayed at said settings information display step when the cursor is placed on the designated icon for the predetermined period of time.